

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0020] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0020]

The operating device 6 includes a ~~known~~ self-weight drop prevention device, not shown in the drawing, inside thereof. When raising operation of the bottom rail 4 and the slats 3 based on the operating cord 7 is stopped, the self-weight drop prevention device is operated to stop the rotation of the driving shaft 8, so that the bottom rail 4 and the slats 3 are suspended and supported at a desired position. Furthermore, if the operation of the self-weight drop prevention device is released by handling of the operating cord 7, the bottom rail 4 and the slats 3 are lowered on the basis of self-weight.

Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0022]

As shown in Fig. 2, the obstacle detection stopping device 10 includes a supporting member 11, a cam clutch 12 as a first stopping means, a rotary drum 13 as a second stopping means, and the winding pulley 9 ~~and the like~~.

Please replace Paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0026]

A leading out opening 11d of the lifting cord 5, through which the snapfit 11c and the lifting cord 5 are rolled-up or unwound from a predetermined position, and the like are formed in the bottom of the first support portion 11a. A guiding portion 11k which guides the lifting cord 5 from the leading out opening 11d to a predetermined position of the winding pulley 9 at the time of rolling-up of the lifting cord 5 is formed on one side in the width direction of the supporting member 11 (upper side in Fig. 3(a)). A supporting portion 11m is formed at a position opposite to a guiding portion 11k. The guiding portion 11k and the supporting portion 11m are formed as a gently curved portion. Furthermore, the penetrating hole ~~44~~11f and a braking projected part 11g as a third stopping means are formed at a side edge 11e of the first support portion 11a.

Please replace Paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0037]

The moving slits 12e are formed along the axial direction of the braking portion 12b. The moving slits 12e are arranged so as to correspond to positions of the engaging projected parts 9c and 9d of the aforementioned winding pulley 9. The moving slits 12e and the engaging projected parts 9c and 9d are engaged, whereby the

cam clutch 12 and the winding pulley 9 are installed nonrotatably relative to each other and ~~rotatably-movable~~ relative to each other along the axial direction.

Please replace Paragraph [0043] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0043]

Two cutouts are formed in the main body portion ~~43d~~13a along the axial direction and an arm 13f is formed by the cutouts. A sliding projected part 13d protruding toward outward in the radial direction of the rotary drum 13 is formed in an edge of the arm 13f. The arm 13f has flexibility along the radial direction of the rotary drum 13 by the cutouts so that the edge distorts toward the center together with the sliding projected part 13d when being installed inside the cam clutch 12. The sliding projected part 13d is formed by protruding in a substantially cylinder shape and slidably formed in the sliding hole 12d of the aforementioned cam clutch 12.